Alabama One Call Study Commission

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APSC Pipeline Safety Seminar

Alabama Damage Prevention Alliance

- Driver of changes
- Bi-monthly meetings
- Magazine
- www.aldpa.com
- Damage Prevention Summit

SB 148 – passed in 2014

• Removed calling ahead of excavation exemptions for governmental and railroad entities except for routine maintenance

• **Provided new enforcement provisions** for the Attorney General and District Attorneys to collect court costs and penalties associated with violations of the law

Created design/survey locate request category with 5 day response required

2015 Remaining Issues

State Damage Prevention Law

Minor change to 2014 law One Call Membership Strengthen Enforcement

2015 Activity

HB 62

- Initiated by APSC
- Restore lost grants to APSC
- "Excavation" definition modified

HB 62

"...Excavate or excavation does not include routine maintenance roadway activities carried out by state or local government road maintenance employees or contractors or for those responsible for publicly maintained roadways,..."

may be rurry utilized.

"(8) EXCAVATE or EXCAVATION. Any operation for the purpose of the movement or removal of earth, rock, or other material by mechanized equipment or explosive device and includes, but is not limited to, augering, backfilling, blasting, boring, digging, ditching, drilling, grading, pile-driving, plowing-in, pulling-in, ripping, scraping, sub-soiling, trenching, and tunneling. Excavate or excavation does not include routine roadway maintenance activities carried out by state or local government road maintenance employees or contractors or for those responsible for publicly-maintained roadways, provided that the activities occur entirely within the right-of-way of a public road, street, or highway; are carried out with reasonable care so as to protect any utility facilities placed in the right-of-way by permit; are carried out within the limits of any original excavation on the traveled way, shoulder, or drainage ditches of a public road, street, or highway; and, if involving the replacement of existing structures, including traffic control devices, replace such structures in their approximate previous locations and at their approximate previous depth. Excavate or excavation does not include routine railroad maintenance

2015 Activity

SJR 76

- Created the Alabama
 One Call Study
 Commission
- Designated member entities & objectives

OCSC Objectives

One Call Center

Expedience & validity of a single one center in AL

Report for Governor & Legislative Leaders

Other Items

To improve safety

Enforcement

Adequacy of current provisions

OCSC Appointments

Alabama Association of General Contractors

Alabama Cable
Telecommunications

Alabama
Department of
Transportation

Alabama House of Representatives Appointee

Alabama Law Enforcement Agency

Alabama League of Municipalities

Alabama 811

Alabama Office of Prosecution Services

Alabama Railway
Association

Alabama Rural Electric Association Alabama Senate Appointee Alabama Water and Wastewater Institute

APSC Gas Pipeline Safety Associated Builders and Contractors

Association of County Commissioners

Attorney General's office

Electric Cities

Governor Robert Bentley Appointee

Regulated Utilities

OCSC Members

Tim Ayers - AL Utility Contractors Association	Allen Baker - Balch and Bingham	George Ballock - Building and Earth Sciences, Inc.	John Bedford - Colbert County Commission	Beau Brown - AL Office of Prosecution Svcs	Eric Carson Auburn Water Resource Mgmt
Brian Chandler- City of Troy Utilities	Chad Copeland - Troy Cablevision	Tenee Frazier - AL League of Municipalities	Bill Gardner - Mobile Gas	Bob Gardner - Alagasco	Ken Gilmore - Alabama Power Co
Stacey Glass - Alabama DOT	Jimmy Gray - Central Alabama Electric Coop	Dywane Griner – USIC	Ed Guy -Alagasco	John Hamm – ALEA	Jon Hand - Electric Cities of Alabama
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	Billy Pickard – Kinder Morgan	Annette Reburn - Alabama 811	Sean Strickler - AL Rural Electric Coop Assoc	Roy Weaver - Weaver LLC	

OCSC Progress

Eight meetings since July

Enforcement

Membership

Next meeting January 2015

Closure in 2016

Acknowledgements

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Input or Suggestions

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